

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 16 February, 6th After Epiphany

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

A Very Warm Welcome to The Reverend Heather Toms, Presiding & Preaching in the Parish Today.



a heart check

WORDS FROM MATTHEW

Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at All Saints

10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.

All are welcome!!

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: TiS 100 'All Creatures of Our God and King . . .'

Welcome and Introduction.

Greeting and Sentence

Sentence

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Psalm 119.1

Prayer of Preparation. Gloria

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

GROW

We each wake up at the start of our day and end our days with routines that enable us to move into spaces of alertness and then end with rest. Between those beginnings and endings, we're given the opportunity to make clear choices from how we use our words, what food we will put into our bodies, and to whom we devote our time and attention. We always have the choice about how we move into our day.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it,¹⁵ yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today.¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer.¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe,¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing.¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear.²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1–8

- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless:
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- ² **Blessed are those who keep his commands:
and seek him with their whole heart;**
- ³ Those who do no wrong:
but walk in the ways of our God.
- ⁴ **For you, Lord, have commanded us:
to persevere in all your precepts.**
- ⁵ If only my ways were unerring:
towards the keeping of your statutes!
- ⁶ **Then I should not be ashamed:
when I looked on all your commandments.**
- ⁷ I will praise you with sincerity of heart:
as I learn your righteous judgements.
- ⁸ **I will keep your statutes: O forsake me not utterly.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. *1 Corinthians 3.1-9*

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

'Early Talk'

Gradual Hymn: TiS 635 'Forgive our sins as we forgive . . .'

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement."' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."'

Matthew 5:21-27

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon



The Creed

The Prayers of the People.

We pray for:-

- *The poor and hungry people of the world. Those suffering the effects political unrest, persecution, and homelessness. Refugees and Asylum seekers.
 - *The leaders of every nation in the Middle East. That they will renounce destructive hostilities and commit themselves to negotiations for peace.
 - * Those impacted by the coronavirus in so many ways – world-wide. For healing and control with eventual eradication of the virus.
 - *Our fire-ravaged nation. For so people many impacted in many ways . . . grieving, loss of property, homes, animals (domestic and native), loss of trade, and communities.
 - *We give thanks for the beautiful rain in so many areas and pray rain will soon fall in the areas still affected by drought.
 - *For policy-makers in government, business and public life. May they put differences aside and work together to put effective fuel load reduction and climate change measures into action.
 - *For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the ministry of the diocese.
 - *Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry among us. May the Holy Spirit guide us all in our ministry, mission and sharing of Christ in our community.
 - *For Emma and their boys. Bless them, keep them well and safe.
- For the Parish of Korumburra: Fran Grimes.
- *For the coordinators of our op shop: Bev and John; of mainly music: May and Bev, and for all who volunteer to work with us.
 - *We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.

We pray especially at this time *for Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.* In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

Confession and Absolution.

Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: TiS 665: ‘Jesus Christ is waiting . . .’

Offertory Prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion.

Sending out of God’s people.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: 154: ‘Great is thy faithfulness . . .’

Blessing.

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This Thursday 20 Feb, is the UN World Day of Social Justice

2020 Theme: “Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice”



NEWS AND NOTES

We have pleasure in welcoming Priest Heather and Max again this morning. Heather is leading worship in our parish today.

Dave will be leading worship in the parish next Sunday.

Special guest speaker will be Max Chapman from MAF. Max is the manager of the Flight Simulator Program and his message will be well worth hearing. Our Retiring Offertory this month is in support of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship).

The Easter raffle at the op shop. Would our generous parishioners please assist with a collection of Easter eggs and other similar fare for a good raffle.

Donations can be left at the op shop or at the back of Holy Trinity – thank you.

Parish Council Reports are due this week please, ASAP. Parish Council meets on Tuesday 25 February.

The Family Fun Fair Planning Committee is scheduled to meet at 11am on Thursday of this week.

Next Friday, 21, the Lenten Conversation with Bishop Richard and Bishop Patrick will take place at the Abbey from 10am to 3.30pm. Cont. 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au

The Holy Trinity alarm system is now working effectively – at last, with thanks to Rotti Security of Sale.

FOR OUR MEMORY BANK:

The Parish Craft and Hobbies Group will commence on Saturday 7th March, 9am to 1pm. For further information please speak to Sandra Meredith.

Shrove Tuesday morning: 25 February. we will be serving pancakes, tea and coffee, alfresco, in front of the op shop from 10am to 12md. Please come for morning tea and a chat with people from our community We will again deliver pancakes to businesses in Stratford and our supporters elsewhere.

Shrove Tuesday evening: at 6pm, St Andrews parishioners will be serving a pancakes dinner in the hall, Jones St., at a cost of \$10 per person or \$30 per family. All welcome!

****THE CELTIC NIGHT**

Everyone, can you please keep the date of the CELTIC NIGHT Free. We're hoping this will be a really good evening. When, Saturday 21st March We have engaged a Bagpiper who will provide brackets of music throughout the evening. We're planning an authentic Celtic Menu. So, watch this space!!

PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

February 2020

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall

*Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity. **Everybody Welcome!***

Retiring Offertory: MAF.

Tues 18 Parish Council Reports due.

**Thurs 20 UN World Day of Social Justice
11am Family Fun Fair Meeting**

**Fri 21 Lenten Conversation. + Richard & + Patrick at the Abbey,
10am – 3.30pm.**

6pm-8.30pm. Dave leading Safe Church Ministry, Warragul

Sat 22 9.30am-4pm Safe Church Ministry Workshop, Warragul.

Sat.22 Scout Founders Day.

**Sun. 23 Last Sunday before Lent. Transfiguration Sunday. MAF
speaker at Holy Trinity.**

7.30pm Community Carols Planning group Meeting.

Tues. 25 Shrove Tuesday. 10am Pancakes at the Op Shop.

7.30pm Parish Council

Wed. 26 Ash Wednesday. 7pm Service at Holy Trinity

March

Pastoral Care Training Day by the end of this month at Bairnsdale. Date to be finalized.

Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall

Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Retiring Offertory: Eye Care Vanuatu

Sun 1 First Sunday in Lent. Harvest Festival at All Saints.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity. Congregational Meeting (1)

**Holy Trinity Roster –Sunday 23. Last Sunday after Epiphany –
Transfiguration. MAF speaker at Holy Trinity.**

Exodus 24.12-18 Ps.2. 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9.

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist May, Paul. Read: Gail, Kerrie S.

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